

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claim 1 is currently being amended.

This amendment changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-6 are now pending in this application.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hosogai, U.S. Patent No. 6,182,296. Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hosogai.

Hosogai teaches a reversible denim jacket where a pair of exterior jacket pockets are superimposed over a pair of interior jacket pockets. The exterior jacket pocket pouches are sewn directly onto the front chest panel members of the jacket. (col. 4, lines 52-53). The interior jacket pocket pouches are sewn directly onto the interior surface of the front of the jacket. (col. 4, lines 59-62). Hosogai therefore teaches a reversible denim jacket where the exterior jacket pockets are superimposed over the interior jacket pockets. Hosogai, however, does not teach a garment, specifically a shirt, wherein the interior pocket is reinforced to the garment with an outside panel whereby the interior pocket is only partially superimposed and whereby the remaining portion of the interior pocket hangs freely. Having an interior pocket that hangs freely allows a user to maximize the volume of the interior pocket as well as provide security to the items placed in such interior pocket.

Further, Hosogai does not teach a garment wherein the interior pockets are accessible to the user while the shirt is being worn. The reversible denim jacket claimed in Hosogai is a jacket that can

be turned inside out to thereby have exterior pockets regardless of which side the user chooses to wear. The present invention, however, allows the user to easily access the interior pocket because of the design of the outside panel and partially superimposed interior pocket.

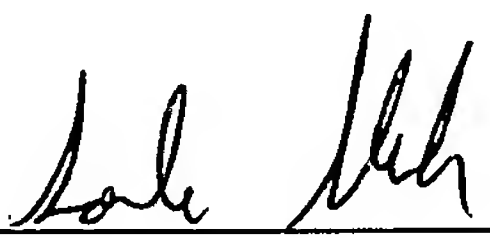
Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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